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## The past week in headlines

At-a-glance news...

### Entertainer died 'after attack'

Richie Ball, a former singer on the Northampton pub and club scene, died a week after an alleged assault on the Isle of Wight



### Time running out for F1 race

Silverstone says it needs a decision soon on the future of the British Grand Prix if it is to arrange next year's race.



### Rail fares to fall next year?

Commuters could pay less for their journeys to work next year, with rail fares likely to fall in line with inflation.



# Housing needs 'more funding'

**THE leader of Northampton Borough Council has defended criticism about the standard of the town's council housing, saying the authority needed more financial support.**

Labour MP Sally Keeble said councils were supposed to ensure that all their housing was up to a basic standard of decency by 2014.

But figures released to Mrs Keeble, in response to a parliamentary question she put to the housing minister, showed that Northampton's performance had declined sharply, particularly over the last two years.

She said: "This is a dramatic deterioration in the state of the council's housing. What it means is that over 1,000 more families in Northampton are living in homes that fail to meet the decent homes standard."

The number of properties failing to meet the decent homes standard has gone from 3,382 in 2004 to 4,623 in 2008. The council appeared to be making progress in 2006 when the figure dipped to 2,698, but rocketed by 2,000 over the following two years.

But Tony Woods, leader of Northampton Borough Council, insisted the authority's hands were

tied by a lack of Government support.

He said: "We know there is an urgent need for major investment in Northampton's housing stock. This isn't news.

"Latest estimates indicate it will cost £125 million to bring all the council's homes up to modern-day standards by 2014. Traditional funding arrangements will give Northampton £52 million to invest, leaving a shortfall of £73 million.

"We are investing where we can to improve the homes of thousands of tenants over the next four years, but more investment is needed.

"Work to improve homes in Kingsley and parts of Kingsthorpe is already under way, and plans to roll the decent homes work to other parts of the town is due to start next year.

"Eastfield and at least one other estate in east Northampton are also set to be transformed after the government announced we are on course to secure up to £100 million in a first-round bid for PFI money.

"We are also reviewing options for alternative funding arrangements open to local authorities to bridge the funding gap to bring our remaining stock up decent homes standard."

■ Councillor Tony Woods said the authority was investing what it could to improve council home standards



## Strike fear for A-Level results

HUNDREDS of students were due to receive their A-Level examination results today.

While some were returning to school to pick up their details, many were praying the envelope would arrive at home despite the threat of industrial action by postal workers.

About 150 members of staff at a Royal Mail distribution centre in Northamptonshire were set to be on strike today.

Drivers at the National Distribution Centre in Crick were due to walk out for 24 hours over planned changes to drivers' duties and attendance patterns due to be implemented next month.

A day of action took place earlier this month and the Communication Workers' Union (CWU) warned there could be further industrial action if negotiations did not prove fruitful.

Mark Batterham, CWU area representative for the National Distribution Centre, said: "Our members are incensed at the manner in which the company has attempted to systematically de-recognise their union. They have hardened the resolve of our members."

Strikes will also be held at 14 other sites across the country and it was expected that more than 1,000 articulated lorry drivers would be on strike too, causing massive disruption and raising the prospect of delays to collections and deliveries.

Apart from A-Level results, students also expect to receive offers of university places from today.

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# The Week in Pictures

## LEST WE FORGET:

THE Union flag (centre) and the 19 Light Brigade flag (left) at half mast in memory of the 200th and 201st British casualties in Lashkar Gah, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Since then several more soldiers have died.

Lewis Whyld/PA Wire



## A FIERY OPENING:

A STREET performer on Edinburgh's Royal Mile during this year's Edinburgh International Festival, which got under way last week with a programme inspired by the ideas of the 18th century.

Danny Lawson/PA Wire

## DOGGONE!:

MERLIN the Irish Wolfhound Army mascot inspects junior soldiers on parade during the largest military graduation parade in Europe, held this week at the Army Foundation College, in Harrogate, Yorkshire.

Photo: Anna Gowthorpe/PA Wire



## JUST CAPITAL:

TWO London workers Nick Ludlow, aged 27, and Stevie Tyler, aged 25, try out the deckchairs in Trafalgar Square as part of an initiative by the Mayor of London to provide free weekend entertainment in the capital during the summer.

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# Venue is on the mend



■ Live music venue the Roadmender is to get a new lease of life under new boss Dave Maule

**THE company behind an immediate takeover of Northampton live music venue the Roadmender has pledged to "make it good again".**

Bright Spark Venues, headed by the Roadmender's former general manager, Dave Maule, has taken over the lease and running of the Lady's Lane venue with immediate effect.

The company and the building's landlords said the Roadmender will remain open to avoid disruption to customers, while tickets to existing events – including the venue's Thursday and Saturday club nights – will be honoured.

Mr Maule, who left the venue in 2007, said: "I noticed it was in the paper that they were having a little bit of trouble and I approached the landlords to get it put in my

name. We're hoping to draw in a lot bigger bands and use it as an arts venue for young people.

"It can be a lot more – it's a shame for it not to do more. A few small changes and it can be a venue people won't believe is in Northampton. I think I can achieve it.

"We're going to do lots more for the arts. Before, people were losing interest maybe. There wasn't as much enthusiasm."

Mr Maule, who also worked as general manager at the Soundhaus in Northampton, said taking charge of Roadmender was something he always wanted to do.

He said: "I've been planning something like this for a while. It will stay open because I think people are fed up of it closing and opening. I think the best thing we can do is knuckle down and get on with it, and make it good again.

We want it to stay open, it would not be ideal if we closed for six months to do work on it."

The venue, which was taken over by the Purplehaus group in 2006, closed for 10 days earlier this year while the licence was transferred from Bill Davison, who was declared bankrupt, to his son James. The Roadmender will now undergo redecoration, including new flooring to some areas, new paintwork, work on the toilets and alterations to the back room to make it "more like a rock venue". Bar staff will be able to re-apply for their jobs.

Up and down the country gig venues have been closing, including The Charlotte in Leicester, but Mr Maule said he was not worried about the future of the Roadmender.

He said: "I wouldn't have done this if I didn't think I could succeed."

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# More use extreme surgery to lose fat

**THE number of obese people in Northamptonshire having drastic 'quick-fix' weight-loss operations on the NHS has ballooned by 20 per cent.**

So far this year, 97 people have had gastric bands fitted to prevent them eating large amounts of food by reducing the size of their stomachs.

That is already a 19 per cent rise on the 81 fitted in the whole of 2008.

The criteria for establishing who could have the controversial surgery was tightened up in April,

but that has not stopped the increase in applications, which rose by 21 per cent.

Dawn Wintle from the PCT's obesity and nutrition health improvement team said: "We had 119 requests for gastric band operations in the calendar year 2008 and, so far in 2009, have had 144 requests.

"However, not all requests are granted and the rate of those approved is 68 per cent and 67 per cent to date respectively."

To qualify for surgery patients must have a body mass index (BMI) of 45 or above, have complied with a weight management support pro-

gramme either in hospital or at a community health facility and provide evidence that they have tried all appropriate and available non-surgical measures to lose weight, ideally having tried to lose weight over 12 to 18 months but failed to maintain significant weight loss.

The average BMI is 20 to 25 and morbid obesity is defined as 40.

Gastric bands have been controversial in the past, with TV presenter Fern Britton coming in for widespread condemnation after admitting her recent weight loss was down to a gastric band.



■ Fern Britton who used a gastric band to lose weight

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## New life for mum who has shed 10 stones

WHEN she was a child, Northamptonshire mum Shirley Eaton was always a little chubbier than her classmates.

They would call her 'Hungry Hippo' and 'Fatty' and though she was in with the 'popular crowd', their friendship soon turned to mockery.

She said: "I remember they all seemed really glamorous and I was a bit bigger. One of them said to me one day 'You can't hang around with us any more'. From then on, I was on my lonesome, sitting on my own in the playground."

Shirley grew up with an unhealthy attitude to food. Her parents wouldn't let her or her brothers and sisters eat junk food, so as she got older she began hiding food and eating it when they weren't around. She would even smuggle food into the bathroom.

Over the years she tried all kinds of diets, including one in which she was only allowed herbal teas, shakes and vitamin tablets.

She would join a gym and lose a few pounds, then reward herself with a Chinese takeaway.

It wasn't the type of food she was eating but the amount of food; breakfast could easily be eight slices of toast.

It is perhaps not surprising she developed an eating disorder. If there was a cake in the house, but she was full up after her dinner, she would make herself sick so she could make room for the cake.



■ Shirley Eaton now and (inset) when she was a size 26 before surgery

She couldn't get critical illness cover on her life insurance because of her weight and she was suffering from osteoarthritis in her knees. She was running out of options.

She said: "I went to my doctor and sobbed my heart out.

"He was fabulous and it was he who suggested the idea of a gastric band."

Mum-of-two Shirley, from York Road, Corby, paid £8,000 from her savings to have the gastric band fitted at the Healthier Weight clinic in Birmingham, and says it was the best £8,000 she ever spent.

Three years on and Shirley, now 39, has lost 10st. She is down to a size 14 and her BMI is 26, just a point off the optimum range.

She said: "I am not embarrassed to say how I lost the weight. It was not an easy fix."

Shirley has also altered her eating habits and says her portion size is now that of a three-year-old.

size 26. Her body mass index showed she had 44 per cent body fat and she was morbidly obese.

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# Your View

We asked four sweet lovers: Waitrose has got a Sweet Revival campaign. What was your favourite as a child?

Wham bars. I used to love those. They were really chewy and had popping candy in them. And they were only 10p.  
**Carly Wilford, 28, of Northampton**



We used to get a bundle of liquorice of all different shapes and sorts. I had four sisters so it meant everyone could have some.  
**Betty Lawson, 79, of Northampton**



Skittles. They taste great and I always used to see how many I could fit in my mouth at once.  
**James Davies, 17, of St James, Northampton**



I used to love Sports mixtures, especially the black ones. It might be because you could get five for a penny.  
**Sue Wigley, 47, of Duston, Northampton**

We asked five visitors to Billing Aquadrome: Was the Northampton Balloon Festival a success this new venue?

I think it was. The kids loved the funfair. The organisers should have railed off roads so cars didn't drive through the crowds  
**Paul Beevor, 39, of Well-Ingborough**



Previous years were better because we couldn't find the balloon launch area here as nothing was sign-posted  
**Len Guy, 63, of Kingsthorpe**



I certainly liked it. Everything seems closer together and easier to get to than at The Racecourse  
**Stacey Cockerill, 17, of Well-Ingborough**



Yes. It's a good location because it's easier to get to than The Racecourse and, because of the lakes, it's more scenic  
**Dan Stanton, 19, of Wollaston**



■ Northampton's gas network is to be improved but the work means restrictions on one of the town's busiest roads

## Gas work likely to cause delays

**NATIONAL Grid has promised to keep traffic disruption to an "absolute minimum" while it carries out a £106,000 project to improve Northampton's gas network at one of the town's busiest bottlenecks.**

Preparation work began this week to replace the old iron gas main along Harborough Road, between the Mill Lane junction and Welford Road, with a new plastic pipe.

The seven-week project will require a lane width restriction on the out-bound lane of the road and local businesses say they are worried that the work could cause major traffic delays on one of the busiest routes in and out of the town centre.

Chris Smith, manager of Bruno's Petstore in Harborough Road, said: "It will lead to the traffic building up. "People always moan about the parking in Kingsthorpe anyway.

"Although, over the years they have done loads of work down by the Cock Hotel and it hasn't affected us too much."

Glynn Coles, owner of Coles & Sons in Harborough Road, said: "It's probably not a good thing for the area but if they have to do the work then they have to do it.

"It will make Kingsthorpe a less attractive place to shop but we hope people will come back when the work has finished."

Project manager John Vogt has said that all residents and businesses would

be notified in advance if they are affected by the works and access to properties would be maintained throughout.

He said: "We have worked very closely with the local highways authority to ensure we keep disruption to the absolute minimum. We apologise for any inconvenience this work may cause."

The work will be carried out by Morrison Utility Services, working in partnership with National Grid, and will involve using a new insertion technique, where a polyethylene plastic pipe is inserted into the existing metal pipe.

This reduces the size of excavations and the amount of time workers are in the area.

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## Show to be held on smaller scale

A FAMILY show whose future looked to be in jeopardy after its organisers struggled to secure funding to stage the event is to go ahead as planned this weekend.

The Delapre Family Show, first held last year in an attempt to revive the spirit of the old town show, will take place on Saturday and Sunday with the focus on family fun.

Among the attractions will be children's rides, a mini beer festival with local ales, a bouncy castle, a wedding fair, a balloon race and trade stalls.

Graham Walker, of the Friends of Delapre Abbey (FoDA), which organises the show, said: "Last year the show was very successful but we had the funding available

for us to be able to put it on on that scale. This year we have been finding it very difficult to get funding but have decided to carry on with the show anyway, just on a smaller scale.

"Our biggest problem has been with marquees, which were a major cost we couldn't afford this year. They were sponsored last year but with the downturn we have been finding it very difficult to get sponsorship."

Mr Walker said FoDA was looking for performers, dance groups, bands and individual musicians or singers who might want to take part. Anyone interested can contact FoDA on Northampton 708675.

Entry to the show is free, with car parking costing £2.



# Advert targets young

**A DRUG-DRIVING awareness campaign has been launched to warn youngsters of the dangers of getting behind the wheel after taking illegal substances.**

The new video, showing a teenager driving with dilated pupils after taking drugs, was aired for the first time last night and has been welcomed by Northamptonshire Police's casualty reduction partnership and road safety groups.

Pc Steve Harris, the partnership's casualty reduction liaison officer, said the message should be clear that drug-driving could be as dangerous as drink-driving, while warning that prescription drugs could also pose a risk.

He said: "Northamptonshire Police has a number of officers who are trained to carry out Field Impairment Tests to test if someone is under the influence of drugs."

"The penalties for drug-driving are just the same as for drink-driving and we would urge anyone considering driving under the influence of drugs to stop and think before getting behind the wheel. A conviction sticks with you and not only results in a criminal

record and substantial fine, but also could result in you losing your licence and your job."

Anyone caught drug-driving faces up to six months in prison and a £5,000 fine.

The new campaign is led by a television advert which warns drivers that police officers are trained to spot involuntary signs of drug use, such as severely dilated or constricted pupils.

It shows a car full of young people with their eyes enlarged, adding: "Your eyes will give you away."

Sue Jackson, the Northamptonshire representative of road safety charity RoadPeace, said more education was needed if young people were to learn the dangers of drug use and driving.

She added: "It would also help if the punishments were a bit stiffer. I am sure the police are very good at spotting the signs of drug-driving, but there are not enough of them out there policing it which means people are getting away with it."

"The poster campaign is useful for highlighting the debate but it would be more productive to make people learn about the dangers while they are trying to pass their tests."



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# The £40,000 pay packets



■ Alan Featherstone

**ONE in four officers from Northamptonshire Police is now earning more than £40,000 a year, bumping up their wages by up to 50 per cent by claiming hours of overtime pay.**

A report has discovered the county force has one of the highest rates of overtime – coming behind only the Metropolitan and Thames Valley forces – raising concerns that some officers could

be working up to 70 hours each week.

Neil Goosey, secretary of the Northamptonshire Police Federation, said the officers' union would now be looking into why Northamptonshire had higher rates of overtime than forces around the country.

He added: "Overtime can be an indication that officers are not getting the right work-life balance and are working too many hours, but these types of figures can be used to fuel any argument.

"The questions will need to be asked to find out where this overtime is being carried out.

"For example we sent extra officers to the recent BNP rally in Derbyshire, which would count as overtime but which is a totally necessary and pragmatic way to cope with the unpredictable.

"But on the other hand if officers are consistently working very long shifts, that should be looked into because it could be an indication that there aren't enough of us and the issue is now on our agenda.

"Invariably, officers do not do overtime out of greed, but out of commitment to their jobs."

A basic starting rate for a Pc would be about £22,000, rising to just under £35,000 after 11 years service.

Former Chief Constable Peter Mad-dison said during budget discussions last year that there were "overtime bandits" within Northamptonshire Police who "would be happy to rack up as many overtime hours as possible".

During the 2007/08 financial year, the *Chronicle & Echo* reported that the entire police overtime budget for the year had been spent within the first six months because so many officers were choosing to work extra hours.

But Assistant Chief Constable Alan Featherstone said officers' welfare would always be paramount.

He said: "The number of days each officer works is monitored by our welfare department, which makes sure all officers take adequate time off.

"In the main overtime is not required in order to make staffing levels up to what we need, but is used instead of stripping out other essential elements of service when there is an added pressure on the force."

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# Health system under attack

**TWO county politicians have become embroiled in a row over support for the National Health Service after criticising the way Britain's healthcare is operated.**

Roger Helmer, the Conservative MEP for the East Midlands, waded into the debate by praising colleague Daniel Hannan, who condemned the NHS during a debate on American television.

The Conservative leadership has been forced to defend its position on the NHS as a result of the comments.

Meanwhile it has emerged that Peter Bone (*Con, Wellingborough*) wrote in a 2007 paper that Britain's system was "arguably the worst" in the world.

Mr Helmer said it was important that a debate be heard on the subject, and added: "I believe that the Conservative Party is absolutely committed to dealing with the problems within the NHS, such as the waiting lists, the shortage of intensive care beds and the patients who are kept waiting on trolleys."

"The best thing that has come out of this situation is that everyone who is passionate about the NHS knows that there are things that they would change, so now it's up to David Cameron to lay down our plans to improve the NHS."

In a paper written for the right-wing Cornerstone group of Tory MPs in 2007, Mr Bone argued that "we have gone from having one of the best health services in the Western world to arguably the worst".

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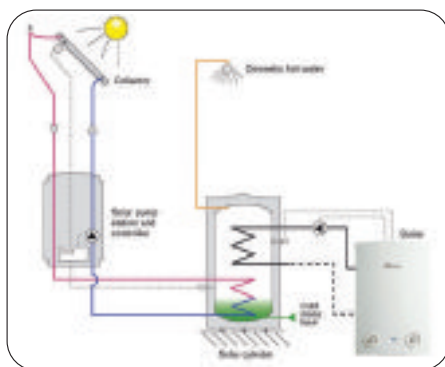
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■ Northampton Balloon Festival was a big success

# Festival set for return

**ORGANISERS of this year's Northampton Balloon Festival said it will almost certainly return in 2010 following the success of the event over the weekend.**

The annual hot air balloon extravaganza made its debut at the Billing Aquadrome holiday park near Northampton this year after the owners stepped in following Northampton Borough Council's decision to drop the festival.

Despite blustery weather which kept the balloons grounded for three of the possible five sessions between Friday and Sunday, balloonists were full of praise for the new-style event.

And Karen Joseph, event and leisure manager at Billing Aquadrome, said Northamptonians need not fear a repeat of the uncertainty which plagued the event this year.

She said: "The exact words of the pilots when they spoke to me on Sunday was that they'll come back if we want them to."

"I'm pleased the balloonists were happy and that's a big compliment for us."

"Going by that, I can see it coming back here next year."

The thousands of visitors had a lot to keep them busy over the weekend.

Spectacles included the hot air balloons taking off on Friday and Saturday mornings along with a spectacular balloon glow set to music.

And the festival also included funfairs, arcade machines and food stalls across the sprawling site.

It also incorporated a car show, which organisers are considering keeping separate from the balloon festival next year.

The borough council had previously said it wanted to take the balloon festival back next year, but after this year's event will now consider it returning to Billing if the park provides the best proposal for a future festival.

Northampton borough councillor Brendan Glynane (*Lib Dem, Delapre*) said he attended the festival on Friday morning to watch the balloons fly.

He said: "I think for the organisers it was a learning experience. It took the borough council about 19 years to get the balloon festival right, we learned a lot of things over those years and it changed."

"A few months ago we were talking to a few companies who were interested in taking over and running it from the Racecourse but now we will be interested in how Billing Aquadrome are looking at running it."



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2. Timothy Spall stars in the one-off ITV1 drama *Gunrush* on August 23. What was the name of his character in *Auf Wiedersehen, Pet*?
3. Levi Roots presents *Caribbean Food Made Easy* on BBC2 from August 24. In February 2007 he gained fame on another programme, what was it?

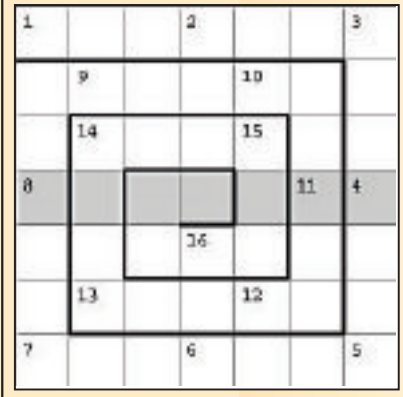


4. *The X Factor* returns to ITV on August 22. What is the name of last year's winner?
5. Cast your mind back... Michaela Strachan (pictured) presents *Michaela's Animal Road Trip*, daily on Five. What is the name of the animal series she presented in the early 1990s?

**ANSWERS:**  
TV QUIZ - 1. Dave and Si; 2. Barry Taylor; 3. Drag-  
ons' Den; 4. Alexandra Burke; 5. The Really Wild  
Show  
WORD SPIRAL: 1. Push 2. Halt 3. Thus 4. Sore 5.  
Edge 6. Eden 7. Noss 8. Safe 9. Edit 10. Tile 11. Etch  
12. Hula 13. Avid 14. Dies 15. Slug 16. Gang. **Key**  
**word solution:** SINGLES  
WHAT YEAR IS IT?: 1965

## WORD Spiral

Starting from 1, fill in the grid in a clockwise direction with four-letter words. The last letter of each word is the first letter of the next word. There should then be a seven-letter key word answer reading across from 8.



1. Upper-class 2. Stop 3. Therefore 4. Painfully sensitive 5. Verge 6. Paradise 7. Common sense 8. Secure, protected 9. Revise 10. Roof slab 11. Engrave 12. Hawaiian dance 13. Very keen 14. Perishes 15. Terrestrial mollusc 16. Group of criminals.

**Key word clue:** Tennis term

## WHAT year is this?

- 1 Cigarette advertising was banned on British TV
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The sessions have been so

popular at Northampton Borough Council's leisure centres – Danes Camp, Lings Forum and The Mounts Baths – that additional time slots have been organised to allow as many swimmers as possible to take advantage of the scheme.

Councillor Paul Varnsvery, borough council cabinet member for communities, said: "The popularity of the free swimming initiative has been remarkable and we have had to arrange extra sessions to cope with demand."

"With the national healthy living agenda including ways of addressing childhood obesity and encouraging the older generation to stay active, it is greatly encouraging to see Northampton doing so well in the national figures and the scheme being embraced enthusiastically by young and old, especially when everyone is watching what they spend."

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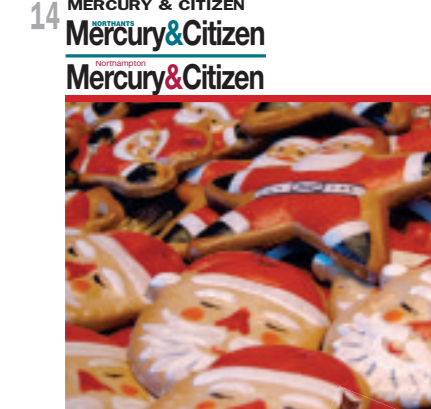
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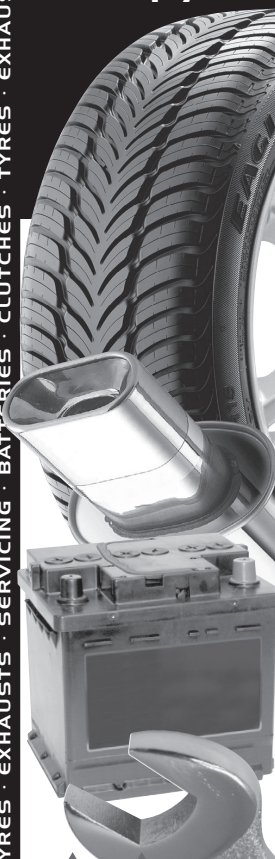
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# Visions on tour

**AN EXHIBITION on plans to build 40,000 homes around Northampton, Daventry and Towcester is to tour the county during a six-week consultation period to gauge public feedback.**

The controversial plans include building more than 19,500 homes in Northampton North, South, West and South East, which has been described as "a joke" by Northampton South MP Brian Binley, while parliamentary candidate for South Northamptonshire, Andrea Leadsom, said it was "ridiculous".

The plans were published by the West Northampton Joint Planning Unit (JPU) at the end of June and will be available to view at various exhibitions across the county.

The JPU, which includes the leaders of Northampton Borough Council, South Northamptonshire Council and Daventry District Council, published the plans as part of an aim to meet a Government expansion target of building 62,000 homes in West Northamptonshire by 2026.

Cogenhoe and Whiston Parish Council has joined the fight against the plans and will hold a meeting to discuss them tomorrow at 7.30pm at Cogenhoe Village Hall.

Parish councillor Geoff Carverhill said: "Cogenhoe and Whiston Parish Council is particularly concerned about plans for a major new trunk road that will run from the A45 at Billing to Brafield and join up with the M1. Other concerns are that the plan is deficient in having no infrastructure provision or flood risk assessments."

"A positive and unanimous approach to the flawed nature of the document has been highlighted by parishes all over the county."

In the exhibition literature, the JPU sets out its vision for Northampton as a "great river-side city, the economic driver and culture centre of the sub-region".

The future of Daventry is described as being "invigorated as a historic market town with a sound commercial core" while Towcester will be "centred on a high technology business sector".

A pre-submission draft strategy will be published in November and will be subject to further consultation.

The exhibition will be on display at Boothville Hall, Booth Lane North and in Market Place, Brackley, between 9.30am and 5.30pm today.

For more dates, places and times of where there will be exhibitions visit the website [www.westnorthamptonshire-jpu.org](http://www.westnorthamptonshire-jpu.org).

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Local company Homesure have just become the first local installers to be official Pilkington energyKare Window Partners. John Connolly (pictured) Managing Director of Homesure said 'Last year I visited all the trade shows and listened closely to the things that my customers were asking for and realised that it was vital we pioneered the new energy efficient windows available from the manufacturers. In January of this year we took the lead and made energy rated windows available across our range of products. The results have been astonishing and I am pleased to say we are now breaking sales records for replacement windows and doors. I am very proud of the ways in which Homesure have led the local industry with driving prices down and giving customers the fairest deal.'

We were the first company to openly have our prices displayed on our adverts and also the leading company to have a full service available on our website where customers can obtain an accurate quotation for windows and doors in the comfort of their own home. Being the first local company to be a Pilkington energyKare partner is another great step forward. \*

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Source	GLP Energy Calculator	1995 year	2000 year	2005 year	2010 year
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	Double	247	11,800	11.79	
Double Glazing					
Single	201	11,300	30.42		
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Triple Glazing					
Single	188	10,800	14.34		
Double	148	8,300	10.07		

Homesure are no strangers to being pioneers in the home improvement market. Having been the first local company to openly display their prices in newspaper advertisements, they have now launched an easy to use website where customers can get an instant online quote. Visit [www.onlinewindowquotes.co.uk](http://www.onlinewindowquotes.co.uk)

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The rental value is £595pcm.

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## Kia's trendy Soul has plenty of character

**T**RYING to second guess the 'youth of today' is a dangerous occupation of which many perfectly competent automotive manufacturers have fallen foul down the years.

Produce a vehicle that's viewed as trendy and the potential rewards are massive but chasing the approval of the youth market and failing to win their approval can lead to disaster.

The car risks being shunned by the very people it was designed for.

Kia decided to walk this tightrope for the first time with its Soul, so can the 1.6-litre entry-level model avoid toppling off?

Previous cars from Kia had played it safe, sticking firmly to the middle of the road. By comparison, the Soul appears to be chasing the urban trendies across the grass verge, sporting the latest hairstyle, blaring iPod and impossibly tight trousers. But is it really? The thing with new cars aimed at 'young people' is that most who really are in that group don't have the cash to buy new cars. If they do, they've got better things to spend it on like MP3 downloads and retro trainers. So when a car manufacturer says it's targeting young people with a model, it usually means it's targeting middle-aged people who want to drive a vehicle that young people will find cool. Kia is sure it's



got a winner with its extrovert Soul.

The 1.6-litre engine is fitted to the most affordable Soul models. It has 124bhp which is a decent amount of power to have in a vehicle that's barely any larger than a supermini. The performance is respectable, the Soul 1.6 reaching 60mph from a standing start in 11s and able to attain a 110mph top speeds where conditions allow. All in all, it's a

competent unit that's strong enough at low speeds and through the gears but a little raucous during motorway cruising where the relatively short gearing forces it to rev high.

Kia has had some success with the Soul's styling. It looks interesting and has a certain aggression about it thanks to the 4x4-esque flared wheelarches and

imposing front end treatment. The Soul is only a fraction longer than a Ford Fiesta supermini but its boxy dimensions help it trump any supermini you'd care to mention for interior space. The boot has a huge opening, a usefully low loading lip and compartments beneath the floor, while space in the back seats is also plentiful. The trim level range for the 1.6-litre petrol Soul is split. At one end are the solid value for money models which are numbered 1 and 2. Then you have the more expensive Samba and Shaker trim levels which pile-on all kinds of lively styling features to give the Soul extra attitude. The 1 models come with steel wheels, a CD stereo with USB and AUX connectors, 60:40 split rear seats, air-conditioning, electric windows and remote central locking. The 2 adds 16" alloy wheels, body-coloured door handles and mirrors, steering wheel controls for the stereo and more but it's really with the Samba models that the Soul starts to show its true character. The higher spec Souls really go to town in livening up the interior and the bright colour schemes might not be to everyone's taste. Whether the Soul is trendy or not isn't for us to say but it's a car with more character and presence than you usually get at this price point.

By Steve Walker

### Short drives

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■ A more powerfully-styled, seven-seater Kia Sorento debuts at the Frankfurt Motor Show in Germany next month. It is longer and lower than the current model, and the cabin is more spacious. The bad news for UK buyers is that it doesn't go on sale here until February 1 next year.

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Arsenal eased to a 2-0 win over Celtic at Parkhead in the first-leg of the 'battle of Britain' Champions League play-off

## Capel's pride at T20 effort

DAVID CAPEL remained a happy man despite his side's semi-final exit from the Twenty20 Cup last weekend.

The Steelbacks head coach was naturally disappointed to bow out of a competition that had been firmly targeted as one they could win.

But he also remained philosophical and insisted that reaching this stage showed the team and the club were moving in the right direction.

"There are no regrets," Capel stated, after seeing his side beaten by seven wickets with two balls to spare having posted a modest 136 for six in their 20 overs.

"No excuses, nothing. We've had a great run and played really good cricket. I'll look back on it fondly. I'm really proud of the boys - I'll keep saying that.

"I think Nicky Boje has done a great job with the team. Andrew Hall has been a massive heart in there and the way the youngsters have come in and performed around those senior guys has been great.

"I just think it has been a super experience. I'm not seeing it as anything other than a success.

"The way this team has grown, the spirit that we've got there and the direction we are going in makes me very happy. There are a lot of things to look forward to. The lads are still buoyant and we're looking forward to the rest of the season.

"It's another progression and another step forward in the way we are taking this club.

"Everyone can be proud of the fact the lads gave it their best shot."

And he added: "The stuff I've been really proud of is that we've shown there is a spirit and a courage in this squad. When I look back three, four, five years we've come a long way.

"There have been times when we've been down and the other side have been in the ascendancy. But we've shown such fight at times and that is probably the thing I would pick out from this competition."

Northants are currently in LV Championship Division Two action at Chesterfield against Derbyshire.

# Win was for the fans says relieved Gray



■ **THAT'S WORTH THE JOURNEY** – the Cobblers fans show their delight after Steve Guinan's excellent opening goal at Accrington on Tuesday night

**STUART GRAY dedicated the Cobblers' first win of the season to the supporters who travelled to Accrington Stanley on Tuesday night.**

Town ran out comprehensive 3-0 winners at the Crown Ground, where they were backed by a strong following from Northampton.

All three strikers who played in the game scored, with Steve Guinan and Billy McKay getting debut goals and Adebayo Akinfenwa opening his account for the season.

Gray has had no shortage of critics among the fans after a below-par start to the campaign, and the manager wants to reward the supporters with three more points on home soil this weekend.

"First and foremost I want to thank the fans," he said. "They've travelled in their numbers yet again and they've got right behind the players from start to finish.

"I've told the players that if they show effort and commitment then the supporters will back them and they did that right from the word go.

"I think we deserved our 2-0 lead but we kept going deeper and deeper in the second half.

"At any level you have to work the opposition, and we did that at Accrington,

we really worked them. "All the strikers got goals and the defence and goalkeeper got a clean sheet.

"It was a total improvement on how we played at Chesterfield."

McKay opened his Town account with his maiden goal in senior football, and will never forget the edge-of-the-box drive he got at Accrington.

But Gray says the youngster should have been celebrating a double, having fluffed a chance in the closing stages as the game was split wide open.

"I think he should have got two goals," said Gray. "He was in two minds a little when he went through for the second chance late in the game.

"He tried to dink it over the keeper instead of just smashing it into the corner but he'll learn from that.

"Scoring, though, will give him a huge lift. I do know if that ball's bouncing in the box then Billy is capable of getting goals, and he will get all kinds of different goals for this club."

The Cobblers are back in Coca-Cola League Two action on Saturday when they entertain 100 per centers Bournemouth at Sixfields.

The south coast club come to Northampton having won three games out of three.



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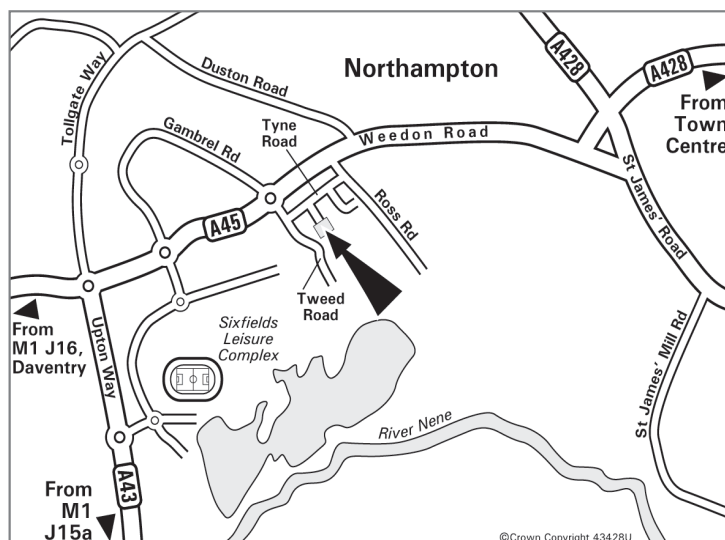
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